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It's obvious that the key problem facing humanity in the coming century is how to bring a better quality of life for 8 billion or more people without wrecking the environment entirely in the attempt. - E.O. Wilson





**Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land –
John Muir**

Oakleaf Hydrangea



Poison Ivy



The activist is not the man who says the river is dirty. The activist is the man who cleans up the river. – Ross Perot



**“I’m not an environmentalist. I’m an earth warrior”
– Darryl Cherney**





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Our Environment Club Activities and Projects

Collections:

- paper for recycling (SP Recycling Corp - \$10 per ton - ph. 404-3843339)
- plastic soda bottles for recycling (local URRRC –Spartanburg area)
- drink pouches (earn cash from Terracyclebrigade.com)
- LDPE beverage ring carriers (Hi-Cone)
- cell phones, ink cartridges, laser jet cartridges (earn PE equipment from Funding Factory)
- Nestle Pure Life water bottle labels (earn PE equipment)
- aluminum soda tops for Ronald MacDonald House fund raising
- aluminum cans (earn cash from local recycle plant +/- \$1000 p.a.)

We use cash from aluminum can recycling for annual school wide recycle grant competition at the end of the year.

Competition has included:

essay about family recycling efforts
recycle sculpture using only plastic bags
animal sculpture using recycled materials
artwork for reusable shopping bag

Some Activities

Waste Free Lunch Campaign

Students eat lunch in the classrooms. Waste was weighed before the campaign and then again after the campaign. The class with the greatest reduction won. As a result number of bins, black plastic trash bags, and waste sent to the landfill was reduced.

Many speakers: everyone I meet that has some connection to animals, recycling, the environment I ask to come and speak at our school.

Field Trips: local Science museum, nearby creek, Wildlife Preserve, LEED certified building, nearby park for scavenger hunt

During apple season (Fall) each student brought an apple to school labeled from different areas of US and abroad.

Discussion about distances, shipping, preserving fruit, cost, finding places on map. Later made applesauce and enjoyed by all.

- 🌿 Scavenger Hunt to find something with every letter of the alphabet (use bird and insect books)
- 🌿 Christmas decorations from pine cones and pinecone snowmen from pinecones, recycled and natural materials
- 🌿 Computer Research to find alternative to Styrofoam products for school lunches
- 🌿 Made books with plastic bag covers (ironed) and recycled paper, decorated
- 🌿 Made recycled paper from collected papers
- 🌿 Gulf Oil Spill experiment (IFAW)

Ongoing Projects

- 🌿 Bulletin board changed by club regularly advising of Earth Day activities, environmental issues, pictures, etc
- 🌿 Small vegetable garden that provides lettuce for school lunches (also Rosemary bush doing well – a sprig sweetens the air after sweaty PE!)